

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 770

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Henry Ford Clayton of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Henry Ford Clayton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Etowah, Henry Clayton was the son of Joseph Madison Clayton and Onye Mae Rymer, who preceded him in death; he was a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton heroically and honorably served his country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after working for Alcoa Aluminum and L & N Railroad, Henry Clayton spent a long, distinguished, and illustrious career with the Tennessee Valley Authority, serving thirty-seven years with the utmost character and probity as plant manager of the Kingston Steam Plant, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the exemplary quality of his work until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, he was a fifty-year member of the Masons and served as worshipful master in the noble society of Free and Accepted Masons, Etowah Lodge 653; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton was an active and devout member of Kingston First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Henry Ford Clayton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-two years, Mary Alice Clayton, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton was the proud and loving father of two daughters, Joey Mincke and Hilda Wall; and two sons, Hank Clayton and James Clayton; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his great-great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his sister, Hazel McReynolds, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Joe Todd Clayton; and

WHEREAS, Henry Ford Clayton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Henry Ford Clayton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Henry Ford Clayton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.